Professor Torrey

[1847?]

Dear Sir,

The Government requires me to make an immediate report of my ~~survey~~ reconnoissance across the continent, being desirous to know at once something of the character of the region along the Gila river. I cannot make this with any satisfaction without the aid of a botanist. My assistant being still absent in the field, prevents me from leaving here or giving that attention to any one branch of my investigations which ~~they~~ really required. And it has occurred to me that a catalogue furnished by you from a very superficial examination would answer the purposes of the government better than the more elaborate ones of other botanists whose services I might be enabled at once to obtain. This being done you could take the whole collection for more deliberate investigation and incorporation in the great work which you are employed on or for any other purpose. But to make this catalogue even for present uses would require on your part "a knowledge of the geography, viz color is" which would take me a great while to, write out, but which you could, if here, where my map is being projected, get better and more to your own satisfaction.

The plants were principally collected and labeled by a young artist, who, whenever he could do so

took sketches of the plants. But march was very rapid and the primary object of the expedition being purely military every thing gave way to that consideration and so that coud done, only at intervals snatched from military duty. and necessarily done hastily and without that order and regularity which you would expect had I been sent on a scientific expedition; yet I do not question that the notes combined with the maps will give you all the necessary information.

Benj sent away suddenly & unexpectedly from California I did not bring the sketches, but they could come in the course of time and, together with the additional collection, I hope will be placed under your controul.

I had many astronomical observations to compute, and being obliged to give my report to the ~~Government~~ Department in a very short time, and from having proceeded my party yet in the field, being without assistance it would not be in my power to write out at this time the information required.

As you do not speak positively of your inability to come on after the 1st July, I take the liberty of submitting for your consideration the propriety of visiting here after the 4th July for the purpose of making such a catalogue as the

superficial examination of the plants will enable you to do. After which they will all be placed in your possession for more deliberate investigation and for you to make any use of ~~them~~ you may choose, expecting in return nothing beyond an acknowledgement of the sources from whence you derived them

The catalogue furnished by you in case you undertake it, would, of course be sent in to the Government as your catalogue and in any form you may determine upon.

Our route, in general terms, was from Fort Leavenworth, along the valley of the Arkansas to Santa Fé, thence by the Raton Pass to Santa Fé. From Santa Fé along the valley of the Del Norte to latitude 32° 20'. Thence I went not very far from the ~~Rio Grande~~ latitude to the Gila River which was followed to its junction with the Colorado. From there, we crossed the desert by a zig zag course to the mountains, reached San Diego where my notes end.

From the Del Norte to the mouth of the Gila no white man, unless it be some Mexicans, have ever ~~passed this route~~.

It is not my purpose to attempt to give a form to my notes implying any thing like a regularly organized scientific expedition and I beg you will not so understand it. I went out as the chief Topographer to the "Army of the West".

on a notice of only a few hours and what was done beyond my military duties was in the keeping in a measure voluntary, and the result of arrangements made after we got in the field with the limited resources drawn exclusively from the military conveniences placed at my disposal.

I hope I have not made an unreasonable request of you or one which you cannot comply. I am with great respect

Your Ob't Sv't

W. T. Sherman

Washington D.C. Aug 19th 1848

My dear Professor

I received the proof & the note. If the Senate was in session I would have no difficulty in getting an order passed placing the 2d Edition under my charge, so that I could have every thing done properly, as it is I am at the mercy of the printer & will do with them what I can by begging.

My aim will be to defer the 2d Edition until Congress meets. I will then in addition to other matter get an order for two or three hundred copies & go to work. Will this be too long for you to wait.

My disgust at the number of errors committed in the printing, has made me determine never to have another thing of the kind done in my absence - Mather & St Hilaire report there is no excuse for as he was on the ground & requested by me to give the subject his attention, and when the proof was ready he was duly notified by my order.

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I thank you very cordially for a good opinion of the report. I have many compliments but none that I esteem so much as yours being from a scientific man.

Inclosed is a letter from Genl Patterson in reference to the Saltpetre Job

I am very Truly Yrs

W. H. Emory

Rec.d Jany. 17th 1850.
and. a 19th

Camp Riley Sept.r 6th 1849

My dear Doctor

I send you two notes, one to D.r Varny who is still on the Gila, I have ordered the Party in, to Santa Fe & attached and he may be expected here in a few days

You will have learned before this no doubt, the fact that this commission has resolved itself into very much of a political gimcrack and that only some extraordinary change takes place in the Heads of departments at Washington who have been engaged in this business, nothing respectable to the Country or creditable to the individuals engaged in it is likely to come of it.

No long ago as the middle of September I found it necessary from self respect to demand to be relieved from all connection with the work to carry it on

Neither the necessary means or authority have been placed at my disposal, but both have been lavished freely on persons who have employed all their time in politics and some of whom have not to this day set foot on the work ~~to this day~~. I am now here entirely alone, most of the Officers having gone to the North to attend the Legislature of California which meets on the 15th and to dig in the Gold mines. I have neither the power or means to obtain them and I am quietly awaiting the answer to my peremptory demand to be recalled.

I have not however been altogether idle; by great exertion and using freely, but Illegally the means at my disposal as Commander of the Troops, I have succeeded in determining the Lat + Long of the Initial Point of the Boundary on the Pacific, and of the Junction of the Gila and Colorado, and the great astronomical line connecting these two points, which line is to form for that distance the Boundary. Nancy has been as true as Steel

I do not has made some good Collections
I expect to this a short time since Surveyor to the Court, but Yesterday
an order came down from above appointing an
Army Surveyor to the Post and Nancy with
on the arrival of this person lose his place
But he can as far place goes, do better out
here practising his profession than serving the
Government.

It is with feelings of profound regret I see
Bob pass over the opportunity of producing a work
which would have been useful to the Country & honorable
to those engaged in it, and I by no means envy the
reputation which must soon overtake the corrupt
& stupid politicians who have converted this magnifi-
cent undertaking into a convenience for purchasing
political supporters. But that is now the
Observation clearly decided by going to this Commission

and I am sure I know better things were promised and expected.

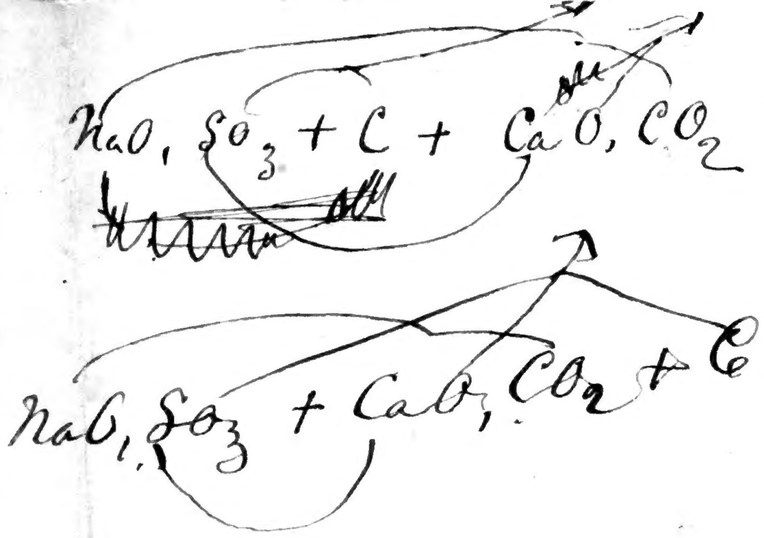
If we can accept as I can hear many words to set home we shall be there in the Spring when I will give you a more detailed history of our affairs

I remain your affectionate friend

D. W. Torrey

Dr. John Torrey
N. Y.

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NH4, SO4

Dr. Lewis Feuchtwanger
Academy of Science
New York
City



My dear Professor

I fear you will think me very troublesome but the printer is now waiting for your paper and with it if it does not arrive soon take in hand other documents and be the cause of postponing my report for some time

You have no doubt received my last letter apprizing you that Mr. Dickens gives his consent to let Endicott do the work at the price stated. under my supervision

Very Truly Yrs
W H Emory
February 1st 1848

Professor Torrey

On Official Business

J. J. Hunt

Col. Corps U.S.



Dr John Torrey

Prof. Medical College

17 Crosby Street

New-York

Washington Feby 16th 1857

My dear Doctor.

I send you a letter and its inclosure, the letter of Mr. Bartlett dated Sept. 14, 1850. I herewith return Mr. Bartlett's letter as requested.

I still adhere to my statement of the case and now repeat it.

I was ordered to reorganize the commission, by letter from Mr. Ewing dated Jany 8th 1850, I did reorganize it & placed Kane as Geologist & Botanist, see my printed despatches Ex doc 31. Part II 31st Congress 1st Session under date March 2d & April 2d 1850. These must have been send or they could not have been sent to the Senate and printed.

Mr. Bartlett, whether as you suggest by instructions of Mr. Ewing or not, is immaterial, made his list leaving unnoticed my organization and in a letter to you assigned as reason for overlooking Kane that "all the despatches and correspondence both of Col Abert & Mr Emory were perused by me (Mr Bartlett) and altho Dr. Kane's name appears in the early list of Employes, it does not appear afterwards or in any allusion made to his Botanical researches".

Of course I could not allow Kane or the Department to consider a faithful public servant had been sacrificed by my neglect, and called attention

of the Department to my despatches, which at this printed and published seem still to have escaped the attention of W. Bartlett and the late Secretary of the Interior

Should you consider any further correspondence with W. Bartlett necessary, You are at liberty to send him this letter.

Have you made any progress with the Plants left you? Do You find much that is new?

Very faithfully Yours.

W. W. Saunders

I say nothing at this time of W. Bartlett and his having withholding from me the funds appropriated by Congress. The extreme distress caused to my party by that act and the injury to the public service have never been explained?

The Indian business depends upon an appropriation yet to be made, but I suppose it will be this session.

Yours truly

[February 1898.]

My dear Sir,

In the drawing of the Tonquinia, there is a sad blunder which must have been made by Stanley, as your draughtsman only had the flower only. The panicle is not in direct continuation of the stem, but shoots from it at about an angle of 65°. thus  I have written to Mr Leben in Baltimore & to Graham in this, & the correction will be made in the new edition for the Senate and the edition ordered for the House, which none of the plates for which have hitherto been touched.

This was called to my attention by Dr Engelmann & my own recollection of this most striking plant is perfectly distinct.

Having made the alteration I will send the proof for your inspection.

Very Respy Yr Obdt Servt

J D Smith

Washington Jany 5th 1858

My dear Dr Torrey

I was about writing to you on the subject of your Paris work when I received your note of Jany 2nd and its inclosures. I send by the same mail, checks for the several amts to Dr Gray

A letter from Engelmann dated Paris Oct. 12th says "Dr Torrey has been 50 plates, 10 of which only are done", "The balance the engraver promises to finish about July or Aug. next", This is too bad and I think I had better withdraw most if not all of them and place them in the hands of Pratelle.

Engelmann leaves only Sep in Paris the remainder he takes to Germany. Send me a list of his en

are here, in the hands of Dougal.

I prefer myself, Nesfield's work to any I have seen, when excepting the Paris work, but acting on the principle of giving free scope to those most interested I yield to Engelmann's and M Agutin's (in the first instance) to Restelli and let matters take the direction they have.

I am very glad you have concluded it to be best to let Restelli do the work. If the drawings remain in Paris, we shall not get out the work before very thing is stale & effete

I sincerely and cordially re
ciprocate with You the com
pliments of the season, and
I do with You and Yours
may live a thousand Years

in health & happiness in the quiet
& rest in this world, and "that
your shadows may never grow
less".

Faithfully Yours
W.H. Emory

Please give me a summary of the
Work & number of drawings completed
in whose hands they are at present, and
the number (if any) yet to be done.

Yrs &c
W.H.E.

Aud. Day. 30th

Boundary Survey Office
Washington Jany: 20th 1854

My dear Doctor

I handed your account to the Commissioner, and ~~and~~ also the several letters which you have lately sent me, particularly the one in which you state the ground on which your account is based. He informed me he would pay it and remit you the money, Dat the same time promising that your report should be forthcoming by the 1st April, the time when we are required, by law, to close our office duties. I beg you will have the Mss: forwarded as soon as possible. It shall not go out of my hands until ample and safe provision is made for you to receive all the proofs.

I do not like the specimen of engraving on stone which you send, it is not in my opinion equal to the drawings of the plants, or, the engravings we are preparing for the Natural history. I send you a specimen of what our Natural history will be, taken from Sitgreaves & Marcy's report.

Very truly Yours
W.H. Emory

Dr John Torrey

Shall give my opinion about the engraving on stone, yet I should be guided in the matter by professional.
W.E.

Ilkeston July 11th 1851

My dear Johnson

I have delayed answering your note until I had finally determined whether or not to take this trip across the Atlantic. I believe I have to far committed myself to withdraw, and I shall leave here for Boston on the 20th. I will be too happy to take letters to Mr Gray and Sir William Hooker and the "Articles for scutiger" friends think you propose to send by me.

Please also give me letters to De Caisne and a particular mem: where to find him in Paris.

I shall be in Europe two weeks! or two months depending on a contingency to arise when I reach Liverpool. If the latter I shall stay one month in Paris, otherwise I shall not go there at all.

If your packages can be made to reach me before the 20th send them here if not, send them to Boston to the care of Wm C. Bond Esq, Cambridge Mass. Will you receive

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the balance of the four Hundred before I return. If so I will make the arrangement that you can get it.

I remain my Dear Sir
faithfully Yrs
W H Emory

Washington, July 20th 1847

My dear sir, Yours note of the 15th was received to day and I have the pleasure to say the proposition have been acceded to & the Bureau. The payment of your expenses to Cambridge, the employment of an artist whose charge you say will not "exceed $20," and the usual drawing of the specimens a "$2.50 for each drawing" or less per hour if the draughtsman does [illegible].

I send two blank accounts to fill up, one and I would suggest that your account and that of the artist be placed in one account and in one charge under the form of a per diem allowance.

The same should be the case with the draughtsmans account. After he has completed his drawings he can take the whole amount due, and call it so many days labour at draughtsman at so much per diem.

I will send you the specimen forwarded thro Mr. Abert & the drawings brought with me by the first opportunity. The sketches when completed I will send by mail.

Very truly & resp. Yrs

W. H. Emory

Professor Torrey

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Dear Sir,

Messrs Duncan & Riggs close their account every six months in London. We return for the last six months have not yet arrived, and therefore they are unable to say whether the Declaration sheet has been used.

They request the returns in the next steamer and if it appears then, the drafts has not been paid they will write to the Peabody their agent in London in reference to it.

It will be awkward indeed for me, if any accident has happened.

The time allowed me in Liverpool was only ten days, during which I was to make certain observations, which might occupy

the whole time.

This and the assurance I was
expecting to give to Mr Stewart
that my work here would
encounter no delay, determined me
to decline going for the present

Yours truly
W. H. Emory
July 21 — 1857

D. Torrey

Say to D. Torrey I was at Senator Pearce's house the other day and the subject of printing the Botany of the Coast Survey came up.

Pearce is the best educated man in the Senate and I am satisfied that if D. Torrey would address him directly or have an interview with him explaining clearly what is required there would be no difficulty whatever.

If he pleases I would willingly be the medium of communication, being very

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"intimate with both parties."

(signed) W. H. Emory

(Extract from letter to C. C. Pinney
from Maj. Emory, date June 13th 1851.)

Dear Sir,

Without having the pleasure of personal
acquaintance with you I take the liberty of
submitting for your consideration a proposi-
tion for which I have the authority of the
Chief of my Bureau Col. J. J. Abert.

I have recently returned from an
expedition to California by the route of the
Gila River, thro a region heretofore un-
explored and have collected many botani-
cal specimens, which will no doubt be found new.
The Bureau is anxious they should
receive the benefit of your examination, and
it is my own earnest wish that I should be enabled
to collate & arrange the specimens, which al
tho no botanist myself, I have collected at great
trouble & labour. Should you take sufficient
interest in the matter to visit this place for the
purpose Col Abert authorizes me to say such
a compensation as you may think just & proper
will be allowed for your expenses &c.

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The book of plants sent you by it Albert
from a part of those collected under my direc
tions, and if you prefer it the same arrange
ment will be made with those now in my
hands. but I hope the first proposition may be
agreeable to you, as I would then be in the
spot to give you such an account of the physical chara
ter of the country and the Geographical position of
the localities as you might find it necessary to
possess.

Being much restricted in time, as I expect a
gain soon to return to Mexico, it would not be
in my power to come to you, which is the course
I should assuredly take if I was not restricted
in time. I am with great respect

Dr Torrey

Your Ob. Sv.
W. H. Emory.

Washington D.C. June 17th 1847

Office Boundary Commission
San Diego June 30th 1850

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Sir

On the return trip of the steamer you left here in the Captain informed me you had lost in Panama the box of notes and specimens which you were directed to deliver to Dr Torrey.

Not believing you could have encountered so great a misfortune without immediately apprising me I passed the matter by. The receipt of your letter dated Portsmouth covering a list of the instruments confided to your charge makes no mention of the delivery of this box.

Still unwilling to believe the loss and that the omission has been inadvertent, I desire you to apprise me at once, and should it be true that you have mislaid the box, you will immediately on the receipt of this repair to Panama and attempt to recover it.

What makes the loss more serious the duplicates were contained in the same box.

I also desire you will inform me of the delivery to Professor Henry of the Magnetic Instruments

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
W. H. Emory
Chief Engr & Astronomer B.B. Com.

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Lt. D. G. Whipple
Corps Top. Engrs.
&c &c

Duplicate

Frontera near El Paso

March 18th 1852

My dear Doctor,

I recvd your kind letter of the 9th inst, and its enclosures for Parry & Schott. Parry & parties with about two months provision on the mesa (or table land) between the Del norte and the Gila River, on his way to the Pimo village to visit the cereus Giganteus and other vegatable wonders in that region. I had occasion to send a strong party in that direction to rally our scattered forces, and took advantage of it to send him. It was my intention and desire to have sent Schott with the same party, knowing that he would have an opportunity to use his pencil to advantage. He will long since however have apprised you of the disposition I was compelled by circumstances, to make of him. On arriving here in in November last I found a horde of unemployed gentlemen attached to the commission as surveyors &c, totally and wholly incompetent to perform the most subordinate duties of their profession, with no power vested in me to discharge and no money to pay them if I had the ~~the~~ the power. All other branches of the work were stuck full of persons mostly incompetent to perform the duties ~~the~~ which they

pretended, except in the department of Botany, which was well represented by Parry, Wright & S. Bigelow, and perhaps Mr. Thurber who I have not yet seen. It became necessary for me to set the parties in the field and in looking about for the proper heads of parties, I could find but two who had even the elements of making surveyors. Schott was one and I was compelled to assign him to this duty not only as a convenience to the service, but to save him from the decapitation that must inevitably take place and that too very soon. Words cannot describe the disorganised and unmanageable condition of this commission. But you will understand something of the merits of the case when I tell you on the day Garnier drew two Hundred Thousand dollars had been expended and only fifty-eight miles surveyed and no astronomical point determined!

I promptly took the responsibility of calling in new surveyors enough to place three surveying parties in the field, Schott amongst them, and with the Offices of Engineers organised three separate astronomical parties, and all have been diligently at work ~~ever~~ since.

Mr. Bartlett left the line in September last and has been heard of but once since & then he was ~~while~~ journeying in Sonora, for what purpose Gov only knows, & taken sick at Ures, the capitol of Sonora. This was on the 30th November last. In the mean time the ~~Leaders of~~ two ~~Commissioners~~ effective are still in the employ of

* Commissioner, he alone being charged with the funds, and with the power of discharging! Was ever a great public work so mismanaged? Mr Bartlett being absent and not on the ground to act or defend himself, I of course have been able to say but little in my despatches, nothing indeed which could reflect on him, yet I do hope that the facts which have been necessarily forced upon the Government will induce them speedily to reorganize the Commission, and to adopt the suggestions which I have made. (Asst Mr Bartlett)

I thank you for your expressions in regard to the whole business being placed in my hands, but I apprehend Politics will carry the day and that I shall as usual have to do all the work, receive all the hard knocks, and get none of the credit. Had Bartlett been on the ground, I am satisfied I could, from, brought him to reason, and the whole work would have been placed on a proper footing; but he has ~~left~~ gone away, fled the field at the moment of gaining a decisive victory over my predecessor Col Graham, leaving all his debts and all his troubles behind him.

The means by which this victory was achieved is not of my business, for I presume Colonel Graham [illegible] to take care of himself, all I know is, that I am reaping all the ill effects. For although my sphere of duties has been increased, by the President appointing me Surveyor, my powers are curtailed, for the same, and extending my duties over the whole monied power in the hands of Mr Bartlett, — In the absence of Military discipline, that is the only power in this region of country, destitute as

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it is of laws and society.

I have not heard from Schott since he left here in December to go to Eagle Pass, about 600 miles down the River. I will send him his letter by the first opportunity.

I hope you received the boxes which Parry and Bigelow sent you by my order, with the train that Graham went in with. You say nothing of the plants sent by Bois Le Conte to Delaisne in Paris. Am I right in supposing from that circumstance, he has received them? I hope so. In regard to the publication I wrote you fully in December. There are so many in the field following in our footsteps that it is due to our people to make such notice from time to time, as you may judge proper, of new things in some of the periodicals. Or if you think it best I have no objection to publishing at once in the Smithsonian Journal a full account which can afterwards be transferred to the report. Should you decide upon this last course I will send Parry home to aid you. When he returns from the Sierras he will have covered the whole ground from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

In view of the number of persons collecting plants, I have directed to give great attention to the Geology & Mineralogy of the country embraced in our survey.

Present my kindest regards to the ladies of your family and believe me dear Sir

Very truly Yrs

Wm H Emory

Panama March 23 1849

My dear Bigelow

I wish you on board the Northerner requesting Dr Parry to call on Mr Blunt for two Hundred dollars and follow us to this place where I would make fur ther provision for him.

It now appears that no provision has been made for carrying the Expedition from this place to San Diego so that it will be detained here some time, and Dr Parry wishes that he could join it at this place.

I should [illegible]

I wish Dr Savory to report to Lt Whipple.
Should we both leave
Sailor, he will find Gopsili
cation to the American Con
sul at Panama. what has
been done to provide for his
baggage & San Diego
I am very truly
Yours
W H Savory

The gift all our instrument
even the most delicate safely
over the Isthmus. but in my
at a slight great expenditure
of money, oaths and kicks
those whom we could not
bribe to be careful, we stuck
into Aurience.

Washington May 22d – 1848.

Dear Sir –

The printing of Mr Emory's report is finished as well as the Lithographic illustrations for the body of the work and we are now only waiting for the botanical plates; Mr Dickens tells me that the Lithographer in New York has concluded his work with the exception of four plates which he is waiting to receive from you. Will you if possible attend to it at once as we are exceedingly anxious to have the work out without loss of time – There have been frequent applications to Senators for this Report and they have applied to me for it – In Mr Emory's absence I have been obliged to correct proof and attend to the other details and you will therefore excuse my writing to you on the subject – I urged the Printer to send the proof sheets of the Botanical Appendix to you for correction but he refused under the plea of delay to his business – I took great pains to have it correct by reference to Botanical books of yours & others but fear you will still detect many inaccuracies.

With much respect.

N. P. Emory.

WASHINGTON
MAY
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L. A. Torrey.

Princeton

R. Judy.

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My dear Dolton

I am very glad to confirm the ar-
rangement you have made with Dr.
Gray, and hope you will say so to him.
I do not doubt for a moment the
very small compensation asked will
be paid for the services.
The order of the plants in Bentham's
Dependence will be seen by the Seeds
you think them worth it
Gray & you
B. will probably try to make the
order but if necessary he can be
reached thro the district attorney
by bringing suit against him.
I do not regard his intended
attack on my luncys of the Siba
as any thing. I have still in my
possession all the data then acquired
and recent luncys have changed

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no part of my reconnaissance, as they well might have done without at all impairing the character of my ~~reconnaissance~~ operations.

The only objection to Bartlett attack is, it may force me into news paper correspondence with him, which would be of no service to me.

He is in the estimation of those here whose opinion is worth having, and of many of those with whom he has been associated on the Boundary, a spiteful Cuss and is to be avoided accordingly.

By way of seeing how my Con-rades D. Gray & Yourself furnish a list of the novelties in the Collections of the Boundary survey. The Smithsonian will publish them in the form of the Misc. Coll.

Inclosed is a list from Engle-
man which at the date last
spring has just reached me.
Have you any thing to suggest in re-
ference to it.

The collection made by Graham
in Baird's department have been
with his consent merged in the
general collection of the Boundy.
But I have nothing to suggest in
reference to it, & he choose the
botany to take the same direction
I am perfectly willing, but the
proposition must come from some
other than myself.

The paris drawings are
much admired, but I have not yet
had an opportunity to exhibit
them to the Secretary.

When with the Agassiz on the
California section he may

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publication? I think it had [illegible]
when Congress meets, I could get
at once a small appropriation
for commencing the ~~work~~ publi-
cation & engraving.

Very truly Yrs
W H Emory

Nov 5th 1853

Please let me know what your
or Dr Gray pay for sheets
for the Ex: Ex: Plants.
I with authorize Engelmann
to pay the same

Washington Oct 11th 1847

My dear Sir,

I expect to leave here on the 25th October for Mexico, stopping one or two days at Old Point Comfort to attend a Court Martial to convene there.

Do you think you could get your Catalogue ready for me, by that time with the drawings. It would be a great advantage to me to hand in my report completed before leaving.

I have received a long and very interesting letter from the Venerable Mr Albert Gallatin of New York. Amongst other things he offers his Society, the Ethnological Society of New York, as a channel to publish any papers in connection with my report, that I may choose to give to the public in advance.

You once proposed to publish the Catalogue you are now preparing to secure priority. If you have made no arrangements for publishing what think of accepting Mr Gallatins offer? He particularly mentioned the Botanical Catalogue.

I mentioned to Mr Gallatin that the plants were all

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in your hands.

I wish at least to close my account of the Survey before leaving & send a Bank amount which I wish Thank you to have filled up & signed by the draughtsman you have employed. You will perhaps have to guess at the amount of his bill as the service is not yet completed but I know of no other way of arranging the business.

I am my dear Sir Very Truly Yrs

W A Brooy

Professor Torrey Sept. 9th 1847

My dear Sir

Mr. Thayer Asst is to leave here on the 11th on his return to College & I wish send by him the book of Plants & the drawings which I brought home. I have now no letters the others will come in some month.

I have brought my report & journal down to Santa Fe and am now delayed to hear from you. Can you send me some popular account of the plants west from that point, having reference to the dates and other memoranda by which I can identify them from memory. As I shall refer to the catalogue which you are preparing as an appendix, my reference in the journal may be very general, and to those only of most frequent occurrence or that are of [illegible]

The drawings which you are having prepared will I suppose go with your catalogue; for the same object how would it do to have the last drawings of the different cacti sent by Mr Thayer reduced to make one plate?

You spoke of communicating the Catalogue when complete to some society by way of securing priority. You are at perfect liberty to do this, when you please & where you please. and I am reminded of it by hearing from St Louis that Dr Hasbrouck an intelligent young German has travelled down the del Norte & made

collection. But he does not touch at the unknown region west of the Del Norte.

I am very truly Yr
W. H. Emory.

I take for granted you send my note, about the drawings & the ship to Boston &c.

My dear Sir,

It is uncertain whether I will be sent on the Boundary between the U.S. & Mexico, but the chances are that I will — If so and the appointment are at my disposal, I will take Dr Halsted with pleasure or any one else in that department that you may recommend. I take it for granted the government will direct examination into every object calculated to elucidate the physical character of the country. If it does not, & I should be on the work, I shall do all in my power to bring home a knowledge of the Natural History & Geology of the regions explored.

Any hint or suggestion from you in reference to the mode of conducting these enquiries will be very thankfully received.

Dr Engelmann & write me in warm commendation of the talent & pleasure he

has taken in reading your appendix to my notes.

He wishes me to send any dried specimens I may have brought home of Cacti &c to perfect his descriptions.

Are there any in the collection sent you? If so you will oblige me by sending them under cover to Colonel Abert & I will see them forwarded to D.r Engelmann.

I am my dear sir very truly & obliged friend

J. A. Swinny

Sept 4 – 1844

My dear Sir

The Larrea Mexicana, which I had flattered myself was new is called by the New Mexicans Godeodondo. The decoction of it is applied in that country externally for Rheumatism.

I do not identify in your catalogue what we called the green wood accacia, from the body of the tree and all its branches being ~~green~~ a beautiful light green. Its seed of which you have some were of this shape (oval) flat & brown, its pod of this shape (curved) It was first seen on the Gila, & is quite abundant on that River. Its leaves are very small.

Mr. Ahert (Dr.) is a capital draughtsman & might by practice & care make good anatomical drawings of the plant I should think, if he would consent to undertake. I threw out this suggestion in case other plans made by you should have failed.

Of course he would have to stay at Princeton whilst making them.

TORREY CONSERVATORY
THE REPUBLIC
COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

Dr. John Torrey

I am very truly Yrs
W. H. Emory
Augt. 13th 1847

on Off. business
P. L. Stuart
Col. Corps U.S.

Genl John Dorsey
Princeton
New-Jersey

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

My dear Sir.

I send by the express the first book of plant sent to you originally thro St Albert and I also send the drawings of the cacti by Mr Stanley These last I wish be glad to you will name as far as you can do so from the imperfect parts which they afford, and then return them to me thro the express.

I cannot say precisely when I am to leave but a few days will give something very decisive on the subject.

I am my dear Sir
Yours truly
W M Brewer

April 28 1847

[1847?]

My dear Sir

Your packages were duly received by me to day, for which I cannot too strongly express my obligations

It is as you may suppose difficult and in many cases impossible for me to identify the plants in my memory by the names as given by you. But the notice of them in my journal will be very casual referring to yr printed catalogue as the source from which all information is to be derived. I will so arrange it that the proof sheets of your catalogue shall be sent to you at Princeton & I will make some arrangement to have proof of my journal respectively revised.

The Smithsonian should & that time be able to lend a hand in matters of this kind.

The plants up to Santa Fe were collected by St Vrain and others under my orders. At Santa Fe I left him with directions to make a survey of certain parts of New Mexico, & to that those collected by him in New Mexico after his arrival there which was not until October, (being left sick on the route) properly belongs to his report.

All from Ft Leavenworth

up to Santa Fe, Augst 18th, belong to my collection, together with all those including New Mexico Commencing sept 26th now in your possesion, the partial catalogue of which was remind to day.

I will hand over to Dr Albert your letter to let him take from it what belongs to the portion of country he crossed by him after I detached him.

Chimazo, should be written Chamiza, the Spanish for Swamp Reed, and Romereo, Romeria (Pilgrimage) tho neither seems to have any relation to the character of the plant, for the first grows on the upland

Pa-ga-paja means creeper Shelvin. The names were all taken from Mexican people.

How shall I refer to the "creosote plant." which you make no note of beyond calling it as above and think peraps so large a portion of the Country. Shall I refer to it as a new Genus or a new species?

The little shells I collected on the desert were all carried away the other day by a puff of wind I think you took some of them so can you tell me what they were.

On the other sheet you will find a check

I am my true & truly Yrs

J M Bigelow

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Washington April 12th
1851

My dear Doctor

On reaching Chagres, Savage found three of his boxes (of instruments and plants) missing & was compelled to return to Jorgona. He writes me this from Chagres under date March 29th, and he may be looked for with certainty by the next arrival from that place.

I have instructed him to see you before coming on, but your proposition to come on here with him I like much better & wish therefore you would drop him a note addressed to the care of E & S. W Blunt N.Y. telling him to join you in Princeton. The Department will of course pay your expenses.

I will be very happy if you will stay at my house when you come. I wish to try and make you as comfortable as you could be at the Hotel & it will be more convenient for business as I design taking quarters for Savage in the neighborhood

Very truly yr
W H Seward

Dr Wm Maxwell Wood
Princeton
N Jersey

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst with the enclosure from Mr Kirkpatrick of Newark

Thank you for your kind offer of hospitality but I am sorry to say that I shall be unable to accept it as I shall be obliged to return to Washington on Saturday morning next

LIBRARY CORRESPONDENCE
MCNGARIJUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Hadyton Aug.st 30th 1854

My dear Dorton,

I sent you by the express (Adams &Co)
the Botanical drawings. Enclosed is
the key of the box containing them
I have made the estimate for the
engraving and the money will be
paid by Capt Dixon, in charge
of the Office, upon the delivery
of the Plates to the Government.

I sent you in the same box
my series of B'work which Scott
Jon would look over, eradicate
any harsh language and forb
like it in Putnams Monthly

It is high time, something should be done. I have given the true correct view of the Geography of the Western Continent, Yet in all the periodical literature of the day, I am not aware that any author, while those who have plundered me are extolled as the great expounders of our Western Country. It is time it should stop. Even Mr. Murray in his address to the Geographical Society in N.Y. although he has mentioned my contempt the Bayaguen who has copied the continent has omitted to give me any credit or mention my name. This

on to the respectful forbearance exercised by me in not striking the disgraceful fact, that notwithstanding we had a National Observatory richly endowed by the Government, I was obliged to look to Greenwich Observatory for corresponding Observations by which to reduce those made by me on the Boundary!!

I have just received a note from Engelmann. He writes in high spirits and says his memoir will be complete. It will in fact be the Standard work on the Cacti of North America. I expect the same of your memoir upon the subject of which it treats. The Shall have a credit to the thing if it as far as the astronomy & Natural History is concerned.

Yrs truly W. H. Emory

Wash Dec 18 1847

Dr John Torrey

My dear Sir

I am still at this place contrary to my expectation, attending this Courtmartial.

My report went into the Senate a day or two since and I would be very much obliged to you would send on your Catalogue or as soon as practicable

The printing of the report will not be commenced until it arrives

Should I be absent, your communication addressed to me will be opened & a prompt and the whole business attended to as it were on the spot.

Very Respectfully

Yours

J. M. Edmonds

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Please send at the same the bill of the draughtsman employed by you.

Feb 5th 1857

My dear Doctor,

I sent you note this morning and a few minutes after Mr Steinmann came in with your message.

He do not seem to understand each other. Gay says I write you to withdraw all unfinished matter from Paris, and again about ten days since requesting Gay to write you to the same effect.

In reply you write advising me to get Engelmann to withdraw the drawings, that cannot be done in six weeks. &c &c.

Engelmann is not in Paris and if there it seems to me he is not the person to withdraw the Illustrations. Can any one withdraw them but yourself & and what is the difficulty in your withdrawing them the same channel you sent them to the Engraver?

It is very important to me personally & officially that the thing shall be done at once and that you undertake to Declaine or whoever else has the matter in hand with drawing peremptorily & all illustrations not completed or in hand.

When you receive them make a contract with Mr Ackermann or whoever you may select, to have them completed as soon as possible & send the contract here for approval

In this approaching of public printing when you suggest a certain number of copies should be printed with for distribution among the Farmers &c Mr Ackermann will explain to you how this is impossible under the present system

I will keep a look out for Dr Dunglison at Professor Henry's & regret very

much that my wife is still for
indisposed to join me in this agree
able office

Yours truly

J. Adam Imray

Wm Imray

Dear Sir.

I find the printer waiting for your appendix and I will be very glad if you will send me the remaining part of it, as speedily as possible.

I shewed the plates of the plants you handed me to Professor Henry. He was very much pleased with them. I stated your desire in reference to a more finished and elaborate paper in reference to the Botanical collection made by me, and the desire that both you & myself entertained that it should be printed by some society of high character. He stated that the Smithsonian would be glad to have the paper. and I requested him to write you upon the subject which he will no doubt do by to day's mail. So this affair may be considered as settled & I hope to your satisfaction.

The printer for Congress, who has my report, is very hard pressed to furnish in time the immense number of documents, and will readily avail himself of any excuse to lay aside a document, and it is for this reason I am so anxious to receive the balance of your paper, that my report may not be laid aside under the plea of being incomplete.

I am with great regard very truly
Yr. Obt. Svt.
W M Emory
February 19th 1848

Professor Torrey



On of Dr. Barnes's

J. J. Abert
Col. corps T.E.

Professor John Torrey
N. Y. Med. College
67 Crosby Street
New-York City

[February 1848.]

My dear Sir,

I send you a sketch of the change proposed in "The Foxglove". It surprises me that Stanly usually so correct should make such a blunder. My recollection of the plant, the only one we saw in bloom is very distinct.

I thank you for your kind intention to have my book noticed in Silliman. The unprincipled attacks of Barton who is doing & has done any thing in his power to smother my notes will make it very gratifying.

Very truly yrs
W H Emory

Nothing further has been done in the Boundary business.

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE HERBARIUM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

My dear Sir.

The Committee have been very liberal in ordering many of my Topographical Sketches to be lithographed.

The Secty Mr. Dickens in whose charge the matter is, seems not averse to letting the botanical drawings, which are in my profession be lithographed & printed under your eye. But an estimate of the number of Plates and the cost of ~~any~~ lithographing and ~~Publishing~~ printing 2260 copies is requested. Can you furnish this with as little delay as possible.

May I also ask the favour to send me as soon as you can for the perusal your Catalogue & Statement which is to accompany it. I will endeavor to have a proof sheet struck off immediately and sent you

The large portion of the text of my work has been published in

N.Y. Courier & Enquirer. The first number I wish you particularly to see. I have just or would send it to you

As might have been expected, all Scientific names are dreadfully mutilated, particularly the botanical, but for this neither you, nor I, could be held responsible, unless with the Senate Copy which will contain the Appendices.

The publication in the Cour & Enquirer however has had one very happy effect, that is to smooth any opposition in congress to printing 5.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience & believe me my Respected

Friend & Servant

W. H. Emory

Respon Torrey

&c &c

Sunday. Jany 14 – 1838

[Jan. 1848?]

My dear Sir.

Here is a check for share whose amount you sent me.

Mr Dickens agrees to the <u>twelve plates</u> as estimated for by Endicott & says they may be done with all despatch. I did not think it advisable to keep for a larger number.

2264 & not 2260 is the number of impressions of cards required.

Remain with great regard

Yr sincy

W H Emory

Dear Sir,

In answer to your letter of yesterday, I am pleased to say that we can take the whole of the packages. It will be best to allow the matter to stand over for the present, & write to me again if our plans are changed.

What steps do you propose to take to recover them? Have you retained duplicates?

Yours faithfully

W. H. Simmons

July 16th 1857

W. Storey

Washington July 21st 1848

My dear Professor

I reached here the day before yesterday & found my report issued (a few number). Before going away I took every precaution to secure you in the control of your proof and I hope it has been done. I suggested to Mr Kendall the Printer to send you a copy of the book, for correction and if you will send me a list of the corrections I will see them attended to in the next edition of 10,000 which has been ordered by the Senate.

While in Jalapa I procured a box of roots of ~~Jalapa~~ Jalap plant, for you. General Patterson asked me for them & thinking I could get another with out difficulty I consented to his taking them with the condition that he would give you one third; he is to have one third & Dr Wood the other third.

It is well I made the condition for I failed to procure another specimen

General Patterson now holds them subject to your order & I hope you will find them a desirable present to some of your botanical gardens.

I was kept so busily on the move when last in Rio that my promise to make some collection for you could not be complied with, but as far as my limited knowledge of Botany goes there is not much in that way, new or unrecorded on the line between Bella Vista & the city of Rio.

I am my dear Sir with great regard

Yours &c

W H Harvey

D. Sloane

San Elizario, June 8th 1852

Charles Wright Esq:
Asst: U.S.B. Commissions

Sir:—

You will take charge of the two paniers Nos 25 & 38 containing the Botanical specimens collected by Dr: C.C. Parry, Dr. Bigelow and yourself and deliver the same to Dr. John Torrey, take his receipt in duplicate therefor and send one copy to me.

You will also take charge of a box of cactii and cause the same to be delivered to Dr. Engelman of St. Louis, ask his receipt therefor and notify Dr. Torrey of the same.

You will also take charge of a box of Zoological specimens and deliver the same to Professor Baird of the Smithsonian Institute taking his receipt for the same and sending me one copy.

The Comanche skull you will deliver to Colonel J.J. Abert chief of the Corps of Top: Engrs: without receipts.

On arriving at New York you will aid Dr. Torrey in arranging and collating the Botanical specimens and preparing notices of all new and rare plants for immediate publication in such form and in such periodicals as may be selected by Dr. Torrey.

Should your presence with Dr Torrey not be required by him you will return to the line and report to me in person.

Provision has been made for you to leave here on the 15th June in Mr. French's train, and you will be provisioned for the time necessary to enable you to reach San Antonio.

From San Antonio you will be allowed your actual expenses of subsistence & transportation.

On reaching New Orleans the boxes intended for Pro=
fessor Baird & Dr: Engelman, may, if you think
fit, be forwarded by Adam's Express.

I sent down by Col: Graham to J.R. Sweet
& Co. of San Antonio a box of plants collected by
Dr. Parry and addressed to Dr. Torrey. At the last
accounts these plants had not been received; you will
please make diligent enquiries of Col. Graham and
of Mr. Sweet for this box, and write me immediately
on the subject. *

Your monthly report will be continued
as usual.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt:

Signed. Brvt. Major Wm. H. Emory
Chief Astronomer & Surveyor
U.S.B. Commission.

[* This collection has been received, & Major Emory has been informed
of the fact. J. Torrey]

June 16th 1851

My dear Professor

Your note of the 10th is only received to day. I see no objection to your proposition to purchase the "Botany of the voyage of the Sulphur" & charge it as part of the expense of drawing up the report.

I do not expect to go on the Coast Survey, or any other work until my report is finished. Be under no uneasiness about your share of it, for I am determined not to let another report of the kind go to the Congressional printers. If Congress will authorize me to have the printing done it will go into their hands, otherwise it will go to the Smithsonian or some society that will give us the control of the printing.

I wrote to Gray ~~a letter~~ inclosing a message for you in reference to a matter in which I think I could be useful

You appear not to have received it, but as he will no doubt send it to you from Albany it is not repeated here.

I intend making a flying trip to England (or Brussels), leaving here in the latter part of July and returning in September.

Have you any suggestions to make for my guidance there to one who is self deny

big enough to go to England to stay only four weeks?

Yours very truly
W. H. Taussig

[San Diego]

Office of the Boundary Commission
June 25th 1850

My dear Dodson

Mr Whipple has addressed me a letter giving an account of the safe arrival of the instruments, but says not one word of the box of Specimens sent you by him. This adds to my concern in reference to them and gives weight to the account we heard from Panama by the Officers of the ship he went down in, that he had lost them.

Inclosed herewith is an order and if you have not sent the Specimen envelope this order and address it to "Lt A. W. Whipple Corps Topl Engrs Portsmouth, New Hampshire."

We are still without funds of any kind from the Govrment - and I see gazetting from time to time by successor. (I hope I am in error by Thursday) The Govrment seems determined to punish me for resisting the conversion of this magnificent work into a political machine. I send you two Dallas Bache (to save postage) my programme of the work which I wish to go side by side with the guide and statistic note which the Govrment sent to me as my guide for the prosecution of the work. It would be great gratification to have the two published by some of your

SURVEY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

scientific societies, and an opinion expressed as to which is right. I have not the honor myself of being a member of any except the Ethnological society of New York or I should communicate the papers direct.

Mary is still here nearly heart broken at the supposed loss of our treasure. She has too much little self reproach, for I directed him to make duplicates of every thing. In a fit of absence of mind he put the duplicates all in one box. Of course my object was to separate, so that if one was lost, the other could take its place.

Very truly & truly Yours

Doctor Elias Torrey

W. H. Emory

Steamer Northerner off Cuba
March 5th 1849

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

My dear Sir,

Lt Whipple arrived from Vera Cruz just in time to take the Northerner, so that when Dr Parry reaches New York instead of reporting to Lt Whipple I wish him to follow on by the first opportunity to San Diego in California.

Lt Whipple left with Lt Blunt a couple of hundred dollars which for the use of Dr Parry. This will not be sufficient, but it is all that could be spared. This will be sufficient to take him to Panama, where if Government the Commissioners Lt Letten, I will cause funds to be left for Dr Parry in the hands of Lt Neilson our Consul at that Place. Should I not overhaul Lt Letten, I hope to make arrangements with Lt Neilson, which will leave the way clear for Dr Parry, from that point to San Diego. I am my Dear Sir

Yr

Professor Torrey. W H Emory

Dr. Samuel Forry
Dr. Samuel Forry



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Professor John Torrey
Medical College
New York
city

Washington March 20th [1851?] 185[illegible]

My dear Doctor

I have sent you many specimens by Parry and others, which will explain to you why I have not written sooner.

My time has been completely occupied in watching the appropriations and in contemplating the scheme of the Exploring Expedition to get possession of my scientific collections. I got the appropriation through but I am sorry to say with the loss of the item of $2400 for collaborators of the Botany Section & Zoology, altho they allowed Parry's salary to stand as Botanist and Geologist to Expd.

I succeeded in defeating Mr Bartlett's attempt to get hold of the collections and the first act of the new Secretary was an order rescinding the order of his predecessor which assigned any thing to Mr Peale into his hands! Strange & singular perversion

JOSEPH LEIDY CORRESPONDENCE
WITH SPENCER FULLERTON BAIRD
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

passe of judgement that, which owed discover
in Mr. Bartlett any claim to these collections.
He still has your account, & believe.
On my presentation of it to the late Secretary, he
understand expressed it to Bartlett & directed
it to be paid.
I will produce it, and hand it to
our new Commissioner, and recommend it to be
paid. The action of Congress in striking out
the item for Collaborators, will however a fair
can not fail to see embarrass him much
in paying it.
I am very much pleased with Smeal
Campbell, he is a perfect Gentleman and
seems disposed to do every thing that is
right & to do nothing that is wrong
Parry will be obliged to
go in the field again to Medicate the
parties on the lower Rio Grande. While
doing so he can complete his collections
on the lower portion of the River.
Schott has at last got his money
and all in a lump, and for the first time
looks satisfied. Present my kindest
regards to the ladies of your family & believe
me truly Yrs
J. H. Simpson

Harlyton May 7 - 1857

My dear Dutton

I failed to see M. Bois de Comte until yesterday. He was very civil and will do anything to forward our views. He does not agree to the proposition of sending it thro the Consul, but proposes that you shall direct your package for Professor De Caisne to him. It will then pass free and on its arrival in Paris he will deliver it to M. De Caisne who he knows intimately.

I sent you the original papers containing the address which you are to place on the package. The name of the street I can not decipher, but you can do it in New York with the aid of a French directory.

"Au Commissaire Général de la marine au Havre pour M. S. Bois le comte rue des Sts Pères 14 a Paris"

I think you had better write to Professor De Caisne to call at M. Bois le comte for the box, in case the latter should forget

My dear Jr

Yours

W. H. Emory

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN LIBRARY HERBARIUM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

[1848]

Washington May 26th

Dear Sir

I have just received your letter in answer to mine and hasten to assure you that Mr Emory did make the arrangements which he promised you he would do with the printer for transmitting the proof sheets of the Boundary appendix to you by mail. He told me when he left for Mexico that I would have no trouble with that part of the work, that the printer had promised he would send the proof sheets to you for

revision - My disappointment
was very great when the print-
er told me the Lock must
devolve upon me, that he was
very much hurried and could
not delay the work by forwarding
the proof sheets to you and
waiting for their return. I also
saw your letter to Mr Woodward
telling him it was indispensible
and again urged him to send
it, but he said it was impossible.
Had Mr Emory been here I
have no doubt it would have
been done but in his absence
they did not care to respect
their promise. It gave me
infinite trouble for I had

to copy all your vocabulary
myself, the printers could not
decipher your handwriting and
requested me to copy it in a
large round hand. I will
endeavor to get you a printed
copy of it tomorrow and if
you will return it to me
corrected, will see if they
will reprint it - Of course
in a Science where there are
so many technicalities it
cannot be expected that any
but one well versed in it
should be able to accomplish the
work without abundant
error - With respect

M. F. Emory

Washington Oct 26th 1847

My dear Sir

I will leave with my wife the money to pay for the drawings Twenty in number, which if I understand you correctly at $3 a piece, will make $60

I mentioned to Mr Sullivan you had probably already engaged or selected the channel thro which you would communicate the new species &c of my collection, but would mention his proposition to you.

I think with you the Boston Society's Journal appropriate. And the sooner the better, a few copies of the Society's journal distributed in Congress would much facilitate the publication of my Survey in a proper form, and you will greatly oblige me by sending me a few copies of the Boston Society's Journal so as soon as the plants are published.

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Whilst absent all communications directed to me will be attended to by my wife (Mrs. H. Emory) in whose hands I propose to leave my maps & notes until called for by Congress.

Please send her Jr catalogue & drawings

when finished and the bill of the Arabian Statesman.

I thank you very much for your kind wishes for my health & success in Mexico

I go to try my fortunes with Genl Scott's Army as a Lt. Colonel of Volunteers, still retaining my Army Rank. If I can be of any service to you there in the way of obtaining information you have only to command my services.

Very Truly Yr.
Wm H. Emory

I will make arrangements to have the proof sheets of yr catalogue sent to you for collation.

I leave on Monday next, but may be detained some time on the way, at Fort Monroe to attend the Court Martial which assembles there on the 2d Nov.

(Copy)

"Royal Gardens, Kew
September 1. 1856.

Dear Major Emory

Our Minister for Foreign Affairs, immediately wrote to me respecting the box of Plants you have been so very kind as to send me through the Foreign Office: and I have now the great satisfaction of telling you of their safe arrival at Kew, together with the beautiful Maps and the small parcel for the Geographical Society of London, which I immediately transmitted there.

I cannot tell you how much I feel indebted to you and to the Department to which you belong for this most acceptable gift. It is true that the Herbarium here is the most full & complete of any in the world, and Consequently that any novelties received by it are of peculiar value: — And not only do your Plants Contain many novelties, but many in a different and better state from what I have received before. You have been eminently successful in finding Rarities: and what is more particular; fortunate and zealous in Collecting the specimens in fruit

as well as in flower, and every Botanist know how to appreciate such as these. It is very long since I have received as more acceptable Contribution to the Herbarium than the present one.

I shall wait with all the patience I can for Dr Torrey's determination of the species. I write to him immediately and also to Mr Lemley to thank him for his kindness in aiding the dispatch of the Box.

I have the honor to be,

My dear Sir,

Your faithful and

very obliged Servant

(Signed) W. J. Hooker

My dear Doctor,

With the Off. acknowledgment of the box of plants sent to Kew I now enclose a note of which the enclosed is a copy.

I am sure it will greatly please you.

When will the collection intended for the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia be ready?

HARVARD UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Yours truly
W. H. Harvey

Trinity Coll. Sept. 26—

Boston Mass
Augt 4th 1848

Dear Professor

Your note of the 26th July, followed me from Lenox & only reached me to day. I have enclosed to my personal friend Col Davis of the Senate & requested him to cause a copy of the Report to be sent you.

I expect Kendall (the printer) is paid for sending you a copy not franked. The first 1200 copies are printed & some beyond the hope of recovering but I hope the additional 10,000 in the Senate & in the House will be done all right.

For this purpose I shall leave here with my family for Hartford on Monday ~~Saturday~~ or Saturday Monday week & stay there so as to give my personal attention to the subject.

The first 1200 will be no doubt distributed to politicians, the copies for other uses can be taken from the 2d edition.

I had before written to send Patterson to hold the plants subject to your directions, I have to day written

him appeared to you request to send them to Mr
Brackenridge at the Patent Office Washington

If however you should chance to be
in Philadelphia in the next few days
you can get them by calling ~~on~~ Genl Patterson
or Dr Wood.

I am deeply mortified at the annoyance
you have had in reference to your appendix
and shall be still more so if I learn your comm
tions have not been attended to, but I was told
distinctly by Mr Kendall the printer that he
did attend rightly to them and I trust you
will find he has done so.

In the binding of a few copies they
have put the plates of your appendix &
that of Dr Engelmann together, I have
directed them to be seperated. That is that
yours should be at the end of your paper
and Engellmanns at the conclusion of his.
I have also marked on the head of the
first sheet of your Appendix.

Affly Dr Torrey

Wiseman my dear Sir
I am obliged pmt
J. H. Torrey

I will make excuses for Dr Edwards
when I return to Washington

Washington Sept 10th 1851

My dear Dodon

I have been summoned to hold myself in readiness, to leave here on a service which I am not at this moment at liberty to name but which will be of an interesting character. If I go I am expected to be off in 24 hours after getting the order, and it is my desire to take Mr. Scott, so then if he will hold himself in readiness, should I receive my orders I will telegraph him.

Please say nothing about the contents of this letter except to Mr. S.

Very faithfully yours

W. H. Emory

I have not yet had an opportunity to do anything in the Le Conte business.

Reed Sept. 15 1879

My dear Doctor

I received your several notes dated April 14th, and May 22d & 27th. I wish I deserved the compliment paid me in the newspaper paragraph you sent in the first note, but I wish still more that I had in reality the direction of the scientific work connected with the Boundary. It was doubtless the intention of the Government I should have it, but the practical operation of the business is far otherwise. Still every effort I cannot succeed in getting a Geologist attached to the as stated in the paper expedition. The story of my trials & failure in this respect is too long to trouble you with, but I think when the efforts I have made are known I shall be acquitted of any blame whatever of duty. ~~in my efforts~~

The Mexicans are ~~have~~ with a very clever corps, ~~and~~ having at their head a very accomplished, well educated man, General Garcia Conde. His knowledge of mining is sufficient to make him take a deep interest in all matters connected with the physical Geography &c of the country we are to traverse and to take part in their development.

Dr Parry as you are aware overhauled us at Tucson, where I was

compelled to leave him for a few weeks. He has at last reached here & owing to the state of things here his salary has been raised one third

Everything now indicates that we shall do but little from this side of the Continent owing to the difficulty of making an outfit here; the Commissioners on either side not having provided what was necessary before leaving home.

That part of it over which we have exclusive control, the Military Escort, will be ready, but to make it do, I have to put in requisition the whole power of the War Department.

Hank Lord this gold bubble is fast bursting, the only thing which keeps up the high prices & feverish excitement is the fact that every one about San Francisco is engaged in speculation, and no man is bold enough to pick the bubble or in other words to expose the real condition of things, for fear he will be the first to drop.

Should I be right in my conjectures that little will be done here this season, another appropriation from Congress will be necessary before any great movement & Takes place and this will give for scientific sentleman an opportunity which I hope will be improved, to set Congress to rights once for, in reference To the Drawing of this

Boundary, or will place the commission on a footing to secure the execution of the work in a way creditable to the country & valuable to science

Perhaps something of this kind is done either by congress or instructions from the Department of State. I should be very apt to seek any remedy. I thank you cordially for the work on "Comparative Physical Geography" by Professor Guyot & will be glad if you will send it to me by mail (costs very cent).

Should you chance to be in Washington Mr. Clayton Secretary of State, or Colonel Abert would I have no doubt thank the book as one.

Your letters are always welcome & I hope you will write often & give me any hints as to things to be looked after, that may suggest themselves to you

& remain Yours truly

& Friend

Asa Gray.

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Please send the article
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Washington Septr 28th 1853

My Dear Doctor

I enclose you the copy of a letter from Dr Bijelow which fills me with amazement. If it is true that Mr Wright has acted as Dr Bijelow states he has been guilty of a clear breach of honor and has acted unwor=thy a Scientific man

I retained Mr Wright in the Service of the Boundary Survey on my own responsibility and against great opposition. He was liberally paid and provided with all the means of collecting and the express condition was that the Boundary Survey should be credited with all the work done under my orders

If it is true that he has gone on to publish through Dr Gray. his collection made under my orders with=out due acknowledgement or authori=ty I desire you wild at once withdraw from Dr Gray all the Collections placed in his hands by Wright and if necessary commence a legal proceſs to recover them

From Dr Gray's high character I am certain however he would

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lend himself to no such dishonora
=ble proceeding A proceeding which
will entangle me with the Government
and oblige me to pay all the money
advanced to Wright by the Boundary
Survey which is deeply injurious to
Mr Wrights Colabourers and wholly
unworthy the conduct of any man
pretending to be a Gentleman

I have just returned home convales
=cent from an attack of yellow fever
As soon as I have time to look round I
will come on to New York to see you

very respectfully Yours

W. H. Emory

T. Johns Esq

If you think proper you can send
Dr Gray a copy of this letter & its enclosed